

I have not a right to divulge the secrets of others, &  
never shall be guilty of so doing, but when my  
discretion points out I may do them harm if I  
love them, or not injure by communication. - I  
have no scruple of telling you, my friend, that W. M.  
is a little scheme of ours, in case of accident, to amuse  
& divert her mind from dwelling too much on serious  
subjects - I am now & then to write of topics of the  
day, & as she is acquainted w<sup>th</sup> the principal actors  
of Joanna she may sometimes be diverted with  
W. not so nobly & so - I am quite grateful  
w<sup>th</sup> your suspicions all. - indeed she is very  
amiable - I look up to her Lady Dorsey, Mrs. Carter  
& a few others as superior beings. L L

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged paper]*